

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 21, 2008, which had been reviewed and carefully considered. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 3 have been amended to place them in better form for appeal. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 remain in this application, where claims 5-6, 9 and 12 had been withdrawn.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for allegedly introducing new matter in newly added FIG 6, as the number of shaving heads "could take on an unlimited number." (Final Office Action, page 2, paragraph labeled "2") Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that original claim 7 specifically recites that the "the number of shaving heads is larger than three." One skilled in the art would understand that necessarily four heads is at least one embodiment readable on original claim 7,

where FIG 6 shows four heads. Thus, FIG 6 does NOT include new matter as FIG 6 specifically shows four shaving heads, where four is "larger than three", as recited in original claim 7, and is not an unlimited number of shaving heads. Accordingly, withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-4, 7, 10 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,314,146 (Cooksey). Further, claims 2, 8, 10-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Cooksey. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-11 and 13-14 are patentable over Cooksey for at least the following reasons.

Cooksey is directed to a motor driven shaver having individual shaving heads mounted on the user's fingers. A flexible shaft 27 connects the heads to a motor 10 which is strapped to the user's hand. That is, the Cooksey shaving heads and motor 10 are not in a single housing.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 3, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis

provided):

a sheer-plate holder mounted on the housing, the
sheer-plate holder holding the plurality of shear
plates;
a motor included in the housing.

A housing that includes both a sheer-plate holder and a motor is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Cooksey. Thus even, assuming arguendo, that Cooksey discloses or suggests that "the axes of rotation of said drive rims are oriented at angles relative to each other and diverge from each other," as recited in independent claims 1 and 3, there is still no disclosure or suggestion in Cooksey that such an arrangement is included in a single housing.

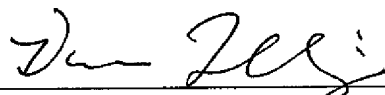
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 3 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 4, 7-8, 10-11 and 13-14 respectively depend from independent claims 1 and 3 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason, as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the

presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded. And in particular, no Official Notices are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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